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Tsaile Lake & Canyon De Chelly Alert

Window Rock, AZ; April 20, 2010 – Bureau of Indian Affairs Safety of Dams and the Navajo Safety of Dams Program has issued an alert pertaining to increased water levels due to water being released from Tsaile Dam.

The increased flow from Tsaile Dam will require the closure of Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Roads N 8077 and N 8089 at the road crossing of Tsaile Dam Spillway. Chinle Agency BIA Roads Department will be rerouting traffic until the lake elevation has dropped two to four feet below the restriction level, according to Safety of Dams.

With the release of water, the downstream flow is expected to be four times the normal amount of water and will cause erosion to roads and stream banks.

This Alert is for:

- Residents and building owners downstream from Tsaile Lake and in Canyon De Chelly. People in this area should be alert to increased water flows, the road closures and other impacts due to the increased flow rate from Tsaile Dam.

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